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For: **A NOVEL METHOD TO ACHIEVE STI PLANARIZATION**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ **7** sheets of drawing(s) - formal.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to **Chartered Semiconductor Manufacturing Ltd.**
- ☐ An associate power of attorney ☐ Applicant claims small entity status
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